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the premium payable for a comprehensive policy of insurance covering not merely third party risks but also passenger and damage risks.

Type of bus.	Annual premium for each bus.
	RS.
Diesel bus	586
194″ wheel base bus	464
158″ wheel base bus	356

It was also ordered that contribution to the Fund for the two years 1947–48 and 1948–49 at the above rates should be provided for and adjusted in the accounts for 1948–49.

In G.O. Ms. No. 2984, Home, dated 29th June 1950, the Government accepted the recommendations of the Transport Commissioner and the Accountant-General, Madras, and directed that the existing process of accounting according to which contributions to the Accident Reserve Fund were made at fixed rates be dispensed with, that the expenditure on the rectification of the damage to buses arising out of accidents be straightway debited to revenue and that contributions sufficient to cover only third party risks be made to the Accident Reserve Fund. The Government agreed with the Transport Commissioner that a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs would be sufficient to cover third party risks to be borne by Government.''

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIAR :—'' May I know how and wherefrom money for this fund is collected? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' It is not collected; a portion of the income from Government Bus Service is allotted to the Fund.''

Irrigation in the right bank of Malampuzha dam.

* 728 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether any representations including a resolution of the Malabar District Food Production Committee have been received by the Government regarding the irrigation needs of the people on the right bank of Malampuzha dam and if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—'' Yes. The Government have called for a report from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) in the matter.''

Famine areas in Chittoor district.

* 729 *Q.*—SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have declared any taluk in Chittoor district as famine area;

(*b*) if so, which taluks; and

(*c*) what relief measures are at present worked in such taluks?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) The areas mentioned below are regarded as drought-affected in the Chittoor district—

Madanapalle taluk, excepting Madanapalle firka.
Vayalpad taluk, except Yarravaripalem firka.
Puttur taluk—Rayalacheruvu firka.
Chittoor.
Chandragiri.
Punganur.

"(c) One hundred and twenty-two Highways works, 58 Food Production works, 487 Minor Irrigation works, 681 Rural Water-supply works and 2 blocks of contour bunding works are in progress in the drought-affected areas of Chittoor district. Four hundred and seventy fair price shops are functioning. 'Rs. 150 subsidy scheme' to deepen drinking water wells has been revived. Two hundred and forty-two gruel centres are functioning. In addition loans are being disbursed liberally. Proposals for sanctioning of land revenue remission are under the consideration of the Government. But collection of land revenue has been suspended where remission will ultimately have to be granted."

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say why gruel centres have been closed in Madanapalle and Vayalpad taluks? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Gruel centres cannot be run throughout the year. When agricultural conditions improve, certain gruel centres have to be closed."

SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI :—" Some areas, which are classified as 'C' zones, i.e., areas which are on the verge of famine, have been granted remissions and may I know the reason for it? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Some more concessions are being considered and they will be given."

The Cherupuzhathodu bridge in North Malabar.

* 730 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the construction of the Cherupuzhathodu bridge in Payyanoor firka in North Malabar stands now; and

(b) how much amount of money Government have already spent on constructing the bridge?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (a) A bridge of timber trestle and timber deck which was nearly completed was washed away by floods in the river, leaving the deck over